

College and Career Assessment Information for ACE Students & Parents

Commerce ISD students: Your best source for college and career assessment is our district's wonderful counselor, Jenna O'Neal, for guidance. You can contact her at 903-886-3756.

Attached you can find resource sites for college and career assessment.

Set your goal, work hard, and obtain your career goals!

- Anissa Hodo, ACE Family Engagement Specialist



Helpful College and Career Information



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF NORTHEAST TEXAS



Application Information

[Apply Texas](#) - Provides an online web based application system for all public colleges and many private colleges across Texas.

[Commonapp.org](#)- The Common Application: application used for private universities and independent colleges. Allows you to apply to many schools using only one general application. Also takes care of letters of recommendation, transcripts, supplements, and payments.

COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING

[Assist.org](#)- using the explore majors feature can help you find which schools have the major you're interested in.

[Collegeanswer.com](#)- useful website full of college planning tools including information on how to pay for college.

[Collegeboard.org](#)- get information on tests, find colleges, and learn about financial aid and get financial aid help. Must create a free account.

[Petersons.com](#)- Everything you need to know about the college you want to get into. College prep tools, personal statement tips, information on career schools, and paying for college. Optional free account to save searches, but you can look through all the information without an account.

[Collegeview.com](#)- a general view of colleges, plus a direct e-mail option for requesting information. A separate parent section provides helpful articles on helping your student through the application process.

[Zinch.com](#)- a collegiate matchmaking site that brings together high school students and colleges in a new and interactive way. Also matches you with scholarships. You must sign up and create a free account to access the information on the site.

[Cappex.com](#)- an interactive college match website. College search tools, paying for college information including scholarship searches and a section for parents as well. Must sign up for a free account and create a profile to access the information on the site.

[Collegeresults.org](#)- find four, five and six-year rates of any college and also get graduation statistics by gender and ethnicity.

[Ucan-network.org](#)- Explore hundreds of private colleges and universities. You can browse by institution name, state or affiliation/mission.

[Collegeportraits.org](#)- source of basic, comparable information about public colleges and institutions presented in a user-friendly format.

[Campustours.com](#)- videotours, photorealistic interactive campus maps, mobile walking tours and custom data-driven multimedia applications for higher education, nonprofit, and government agencies.

[Big Future](#)

Collegeview.com

Compendium of Texas Colleges

GoCollege.com

Collegeportraits.org- source of basic, comparable information about public colleges and institutions

[Texas On Course](https://texasoncourse.org/about/texas-house-bill-18/) <https://texasoncourse.org/about/texas-house-bill-18/>

COLLEGE FAIRS AND VIRTUAL COLLEGE TOURS

CollegeWeekLive.com - Online college fair

Campustours.com- video tours, photorealistic interactive campus maps, mobile walking tours and custom data-driven multimedia applications for higher education, nonprofit and government agencies.

<http://www.ecampustours.com/campus-tours.aspx>

CAREER PLANNING

<http://www.texasrealitycheck.com/>

ADDITIONAL COLLEGE RESOURCE WEBSITES

www.collegeanswer.com

www.mapping-your-future.org

www.myroad.com

www.collegeforalltexas.com

Military

Military Academies

Air Force Academy

www.usafs.af.mil

Coast Guard Academy

www.uscga.edu

United States Naval Academy

www.usna.edu

United States Military Academy at West Point

www.usma.edu

Merchant Marines www.usmma.edu

[Military benefits](#)

SAT & ACT:

Students will register for each of these exams online.

For more information about each of these exams, please see the websites below.

ACT: www.actstudent.org

SAT: www.collegeboard.org

BHS School Code for SAT & ACT: 445-765

Students that receive accommodations routinely in their classrooms, please visit the accommodations page to find out how to apply to also receive these on the ACT and/or SAT.

ACT Help Sites

<http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/>

<http://domeprep.com/sat-act-prep>
http://www.powerscore.com/sat/help/content_practice_tests.cfm
<https://www.march2success.com/>
<https://www.number2.com/>

SAT Help Sites

<https://sat.collegeboard.org/practice>
<http://domeprep.com/sat-act-prep>
http://www.powerscore.com/sat/help/content_practice_tests.cfm
<https://www.march2success.com/>
<https://www.number2.com/>

Tips and strategies on how to prepare for a test.

- Preparation for your first test should begin on the first day of class; this includes paying attention during class, taking good notes, studying, completing homework assignments and reviewing study materials on a regular basis.
- Budget your time, make sure you have sufficient time to study so that you are well prepared for the test.
- Go to review sessions, pay attention to hints that the instructor may give about the test. Take notes and ask questions about items you may be confused about.
- Ask the instructor to specify the areas that will be emphasized on the test.
- Make sure you go to the class right before the test; it's another prime time for the instructor to give out more hints or the format of the test.
- Go over any material from practice tests, HW's, sample problems, review material, the textbook, class notes...
- Eat before a test. Having food in your stomach will give you energy and help you focus but avoid heavy foods which can make you groggy.
- Don't try to pull an all nighter. Get at least 3 hours of sleep before the test (normally 8 hours of sleep a night is recommended but if you are short on time, get at least 3 hours so that you'll be well rested enough to focus during the test).
- Put the main ideas/information/formulas onto a sheet that can be quickly reviewed many times, this makes it easier to retain the key concepts that will be on the test.
- Try to show up at least 5 minutes before the test will start.
- Set your alarm and have a backup alarm set as well.
- Go to the bathroom before walking into the exam room. You don't want to waste anytime worrying about your bodily needs during the test.

Tips and strategies for when you take a test.

- Bring at least two pens/pencils with good erasers, a calculator with enough batteries and any other resources that your instructor allows you to.
- Bring a watch to the test so that you can better pace yourself.
- Keep a positive attitude throughout the whole test and try to stay relaxed. If you start to feel nervous take a few deep breaths to relax.

- Keep your eyes on your own paper, you don't want to appear to be cheating and cause unnecessary trouble for yourself.
- When you first receive your test, do a quick survey of the entire test so that you know how to efficiently budget your time.
- Do the easiest problems first. Don't stay on a problem that you are stuck on, especially when time is a factor.
- Do the problems that have the greatest point values first.
- Pace yourself, don't rush. Read the entire question and pay attention to the details.
- Ask the instructor for clarification if you don't understand what they are asking for on the test.
- Write legibly. If the grader can't read what you wrote, they'll most likely mark it wrong.
- Always read the whole question carefully. Don't make assumptions about what the question might be.
- If you don't know an answer, skip it. Go on with the rest of the test and come back to it later. Other parts of the test may have some information that will help you out with that question.
- Don't worry if others finish before you. Focus on the test in front of you.
- If you have time left when you are finished, look over your test. Make sure that you have answered all the questions. Only change an answer if you misread or misinterpreted the question because the first answer that you put is usually the correct one. Watch out for careless mistakes and proofread your essay and/or short answer questions.
- Double check to make sure that you put your first and last name on the test.

Tips and strategies on what to do after you take a test.

- When you get your test back look it over and make sure that there are no grading mistakes.
- Look over the test and make sure that you understand your mistakes. If you don't know the answer to a question, look it up, ask a classmate or ask the teacher.
- If the teacher reviews the test in class, be sure to take notes on what the teacher wanted for an answer on the questions/problems that you got wrong.
- If you aren't satisfied with your grade, go to your instructor and see if there's a make-up exam or any extra credit you can do.
- Save the test as study material for future cumulative tests.
- Visit TestTakingTips.com for more test taking help.